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House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. NEY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 14, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable ROBERT W. NEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Give us, we pray, the gifts of the spirit. O gracious God, from whom all blessings flow, remind us that our daily lives can be filled with benefits that come from Your good spirit. The gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. May these lively contributions to the human condition bless, strengthen and give encouragement to our daily lives and keep us all in Your grace now and evermore. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ADERHOLT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ADERHOLT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment concurrent resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H. Con. Res. 255. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

H. Con. Res. 262. Concurrent resolution authorizing the 1998 District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to be run through the Capitol Grounds.

H. Con. Res. 263. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the seventeenth annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2676, An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 2676) "An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. ROTH, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BREAUX, and Mr. KERREY; and from the Committee on Governmental Affairs: Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. CLELAND, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate passed bills of the following titles, in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1244. An act to amend title 11, United States Code, to protect certain charitable contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 1260. An act to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law, and for other purposes.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I have a privileged motion to adjourn at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. SERRANO moves that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. SERRANO).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 15, nays 379, answered "present" 1, not voting 37, as follows:

[Roll No. 152]

YEAS—15

Ackerman
Brown (CA)
Conyers
Eshoo
Filner

Frank (MA)
Hoyer
Johnson, E. B.
Lewis (GA)
Martinez

McDermott
McNulty
Sabo
Serrano
Slaughter

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